Demand put and carried

(5) Rs. 100 under "23—Ayurveda—R. V. C. A. Hospital establishment" by transfer from "Salary of the Superintendent"

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Sir, I rise to move for a transfer of allotment of Rs. 100 from "salary of Superintendent" to "R. V. C. A. Hospital establishment" under "23 Ayurveda". In the budget estimate of 1117, a sum of Rs. 100, being the pay of the Superintendent for the month of Karkadagam 1116, was provided under the head "salary of the Superintendent". But the Superintendent has been made a salaried officer from 1st Chingam 1117 only. His pay for Karkadagam has, therefore, to be met from the allotment under the head "R. V. C. A. Hospital—establishment". The amount of Rs. 100 provided under "salary of the Superintendent" has, therefore, to be transferred to the head "R. V. C. A. Hospital establishment". I request the transfer may be sanctioned.

Demand put and carried.

(6) Rs. 1,030 under "13—Anchal—(e)—2—Dearness allowance"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I rise to move for Rs. 1,030, under "13—Anchal". The total expenditure under dearness allowance for the Anchal Department is Rs. 1,830. Rs. 800 was found by transfer and Rs. 1,030 is now required as additional allotment. I request that the House may be pleased to sanction this amount.

Demand put and carried.

(7) Rs. 300 under "16—Law and Justice—B. 1—High Court—Office expenses"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I rise to move for Rs. 300 under 16—B—1, High Court—Office expenses. This amount was required for the transfer of certain records from the High Court buildings to the Hill Palace. I request that the House may be pleased to sanction this allotment.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Has any retransfer been made?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Some have been transferred.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)*: May I know the necessity for such a transfer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Last summer while there was some danger to the town, the records were transferred.

Demand put and carried.

(8) Rs. 150 under "1—Land Revenue—(G) K. A. Samajam—Contingencies"

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 150 under land revenue. There is no provision for this in the current year's budget. Hence this additional allotment is necessary.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)*: May I know what is the position of the Samajam and the buildings there? To whom do they belong, and whether the Government propose to do anything with those buildings, beyond keeping them in this fashion.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The matter is under consideration.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know at what stage this matter stands?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: A decision will be arrived at very soon.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Has there not been some proposal to come to a settlement with the Government? The parties circularised some printed matter and met the Minister and some kind of settlement was hoped for. Is there any reason, if they want to get it back, to stand in the way?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Does the Hon'ble member require an answer for such a complicated question on the floor of this House?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Yes.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The matter is under the earnest consideration of the Government. I assure the House that a decision will be arrived at, at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: The question is you come here for money to spend upon that. When there are other people willing to spend money and take back the institution, Government is standing in the way at present. If that is so, why should public money be spent on that institution while there are others to spend upon it. We are not going to oppose the Govern-

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ment and say not to spend any money. That is not our purpose, in standing up and putting questions. The question is the Samajam people have circularised every member of this House and have brought the matter publicly before us and we are bound to say something in the matter. Under these circumstances, before you ask for the vote of the House for money, we want to know why it is not possible to make them to spend the money for the purpose intended, why should our money be spent on an institution which has been started by somebody else, and when they are prepared to spend that money, why should we spend the money?

Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur):* Is the Government running the institution now?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Is not the Government also threatened with a law suit, *i. e.*, legal action?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Absolutely no such threatening. Anyway, for the information of the Hon'ble members, I may state that if the Government come to the conclusion that the buildings are to be handed over to the parties, the amount now spent will be recouped from them. That is the arrangement. As long as these buildings are with us, rightly or wrongly, we have to maintain them and it is for this that the amount has been asked for, and if a decision is arrived at, the matter will be considered and the money recovered.

Demand put and carried.

(9) Rs. 1,805—13—0 under "1—Land Revenue—Capital"

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Certain lands acquired for railway conversion have been since relinquished to the Government by the South Indian Railway Company. The value of such lands comes to Rs. 1,805—13—0 and credit for this amount has to be given to the Railway Company. There is no provision for the adjustment of the amount under 1. Land Revenue—Capital in this year's budget. An additional allotment of Rs. 1,805—13—0 under "1. Land Revenue—Capital" is therefore necessary. Savings are also not available for reappropriation within budget grants. I request the House may be pleased to sanction the allotment.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* What is the amount realised by our Government while these lands were assigned?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* This figure is based upon that.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is it exactly the same amount or anything less?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Exactly the same amount.

Demand put and carried.

(10) Rs. 5,000 under "28—Public Works—B—(3) Water Works—(a) and (b) Chowwara and Ernakulam Water Works"

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* This amount is required for the maintenance of the Booster pump which has been installed on the pipeline near Edappilli in view of the increased consumption of water in Ernakulam, Mattancheri and the port areas. It was found that with the existing pipeline and arrangement at Chowwara Head Works it was not possible to supply the adequate quantity of water for these purposes. The alternative was either to duplicate the pipeline or put up Booster pump somewhere on the main line. The question of duplicating the pipeline was a costly thing costing about 7½ lakhs. Moreover it was not found possible to get the necessary supply of pipes in these times. So, it was decided to choose the less costly and more feasible alternative of putting up a Booster pump. This we have done on the 3rd of February 1942. But we have not made provision for its maintenance and this money is meant for the maintenance of that pump. I pray that the House may be pleased to grant this allotment.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know what is the result of the working of the Booster pump? Is it giving satisfactory results as the Government have already put up the Booster pump? In other words, what is the additional quantity of water that it is able to give?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The Chowwara Water Works, unaided by the Booster has a capacity of about 36,000 gallons per hour. With the Booster pump, it is possible to pump about 43,000 gallons or about 7,000 gallons more per hour.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know with the Booster pump, will the Government relax the restrictions regarding new service connections?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It is too early to say.

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